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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 CFR § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all patents, publications, applications and other information known by Applicants or Applicants' representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicants' representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98 and includes Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB08B with six (6) cited references listed as items AA-AF.

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Copies of the remaining items listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B are enclosed.

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Item AC is a Chinese publication no. CN1156358A which is not in the English language. An English language equivalent appears to be U.S. Patent No. 5,790,286, which was submitted as item CD in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on May 5, 2004. Item AC is also cited in Item AF. A copy of the Chinese publication is included herewith.

Item AD is a copy of a Singapore Search Report that was issued in Singapore patent application no. 200406256-8, which relates and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,763,195, which is the parent application hereto. Item AD cites references already of record herein. A copy of the Singapore Search Report dated February 1, 2006, is included herewith.

Item AE is a copy of a further Indian Office Action that was issued in Indian patent application no. IN/PCT/2002/01247/CHE, which relates and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,763,195, which is the parent application hereto. A copy of the Office Action, dated Dec 16, 2005, is included herewith.

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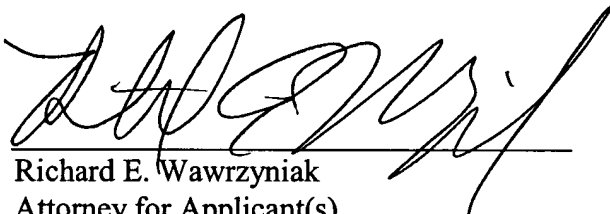
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